



**BENTON COUNTY  
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 25, 2019**

**Present**

Mary Marsh-King, Chair  
Tim Bates, Vice-Chair  
Tera Stegner  
Steven Black  
Axel Deininger (remote)  
Dave Zaback  
Drew Foster

**Staff**

Cathy Williams, STF Assistant (Recorder)  
Debie Wyne (Benton County Public Works)  
Lisa Scherf (City of Corvallis)

**Absent**

Rocio Munoz  
Tom Wogaman  
Steven Harder

**1. Introductions**

Chair Mary Marsh-King called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. She noted that member Axel Deininger was present via speakerphone. Ms. Marsh-King asked attendees to introduce themselves.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. Steven Black moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Drew Foster seconded the motion and all approved.

**3. Old Business:**

**Update on STF/5310/5311 Grants** – Lisa Scherf reported that these grants are all completed (with special thanks to Lee Lazaro) and we have the agreements with ODOT. Staff is working on sub-recipient grant agreements.

**4. New Business:**

**a) End of Service Term for Committee Members** -- Ms. Scherf reported that with the resignation of Tom Wogaman and Tera Stegner, there are two positions vacant on the Committee. She expressed appreciation to them both for the service to the County and the community.

**b) Recruitment of New Committee Members** – There was discussion regarding whether or not to fill the vacant seats and/or reduce the number of positions on the Committee. Ms. Scherf suggested Janece Cook (Advocate for Linn and Benton Rural Families), whom is also on the County's Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Committee, be considered for one of the vacant positions. Committee members accepted Lisa's offer to reach out to Janece on their behalf. Ms. Scherf will also check on the status of Access Benton County (ABC) as a possible resource.

**c) STAC 2019 Meeting Schedule** – Lisa Scherf presented a tentative 2019 meeting schedule with quarterly instead of monthly meetings. Future meetings would take place in Benton County's Avery Building in Corvallis. She noted that there are currently no issues with grant applications or projects

that would necessitate the need for more frequent meetings. Committee members agreed and noted that the schedule could be revised in the future if needed.

**5. Informational:**

a) **Van Buren Bridge Project Open House** – Lisa Scherf informed the Committee that ODOT is holding a Van Buren Bridge Project open house on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Fire Station #4 on Tunison Avenue in Corvallis from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This project will design and construct a seismically resilient two-lane eastbound bridge over the Willamette River. The bridge will include a multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists. There will also be an online version of the open house which will open on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and be available for two weeks. Cathy Williams will send the ODOT news release to Committee members via email.

b) **STIF Committee Update** – Ms. Scherf reported that the STIF Committee worked efficiently to determine how to ensure that projects submitted to ODOT met the necessary criteria to be eligible for funding. There was no previous guidance for this new Committee, so staff and members had the extra challenge of addressing a brand new funding stream and process. Ms. Scherf was pleased to share that virtually all of the projects submitted for review and a “Fund/Do Not Fund” list made it to ODOT’s recommended list. Therefore, it is likely that the Committee will not meet again for quite awhile.

**6. Roundtable:**

a) **Adair Village Housing** – Drew Foster provided update on status of new housing being constructed in Adair Village. New housing is beginning in three phases and will provide 3,200 residential units.

b) **Corvallis Transit Update** – Tim Bates informed the Committee that expanded CTS service, including Sundays, will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He noted that “C” routes will be renamed to numbers for simplicity. He distributed copies of the “Short Term Weekday Service” and discussed medium and long-term plans. Mr. Bates said planning for the new service implementation has been a team effort with drivers and dispatchers. The phone app and bus stop signs will be updated as well.

c) **Philomath Connection Update** – Mr. Bates has applied on behalf of the City of Philomath to secure STIF discretionary grant funds to purchase a new bus.

**NEXT MEETING:** *Monday, October 14, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Location changed to Avery Building in Corvallis.*